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fair, fresh to brisk northwest
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MISS ROOSEVELT SENDS THE METEOR INTO THE SEA

Yacht Started Toward the
Water by Stroke of
Silver Hatchet.

AFFAIR EXCEEDINGLY PICTURESQUE

Seat Suddenly Broke Out
Countless Flags.

CHEERED BY CROWD

Thousands of Eyes Were Centred
Upon Miss Roosevelt as She Crashed
Gayly-Decorated Boat Against
Meteor's Bow.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—At 10:30 o'clock this morning Miss Alice Roosevelt, upon whom at the time thousands of eyes were fixed, severed with a silver hatchet the wire which held the German Emperor's yacht Meteor in place, and then as the boat, which began an instant after the hatchet's stroke to glide slowly down the ways, passed the sponsor's stand, the band playing "Held in Siegeschramm," and the spectators cheering the while, she, Miss Roosevelt, swung a gayly decorated bottle of wine against the vessel's bow, and said in English: "In the name of His Majesty, the German Emperor, I christen thee 'Meteor.'"

The huge frame, trembling for a moment, started slowly down the ways. The President and the Prince stood with bared heads until the vessel reached the water.

A mighty cheer arose, and hats were thrown into the air from all parts of the assemblage.

Into the sea the yacht glided gracefully and without mishap, bringing up in midstream.

Then Miss Roosevelt turned to the Prince, and he extended his hand as she turned. Whereupon she seized the outstretched member, and the two shook hands heartily.

Prince Henry immediately sent a cablegram in German to the Emperor as follows: "Yacht launched by Miss Roosevelt's hand; beautiful; and great crowd and congratulations from everyone. Heinrich."

A Picturesque Event.

The launching was, as anticipated, an exceedingly picturesque event—more color than even usually marks an affair of the sort being lent to this occasion by the gorgeous uniforms of the Germans, and an exceedingly striking effect being superadded by the successful operation of an ingenious device designed to automatically break out hundreds of flags about the yacht as the boat took the water. At

PRINCE'S PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY.

8:30 A. M.—Arrived at Jersey City on special train from Washington. Breakfast on the train.
9:15 A. M.—Left for Shooters Island on Pennsylvania Railroad tug.
10:15 A. M.—Arrived at Shooters Island.
10:30 A. M.—Witnessed launching of Emperor's yacht by Miss Roosevelt.
11:15 A. M.—Luncheon to President Roosevelt, Prince Henry, and guests at luncheon on Shooters Island.
12:00 M.—Prince left Shooters Island.
11:30 P. M.—Gave luncheon to Presidential party on board Hohenzollern at foot of West Thirty-fourth Street.
4:00 P. M.—Prince will visit Mayor Low at City Hall.
4:15 P. M.—Freedom of the city will be presented to Prince in Aldermanic Chamber.
6:30 P. M.—Dinner to Prince Henry by Mayor Low at Metropolitan Club.
8:30 P. M.—Gala performance at Metropolitan Opera House in Prince's honor.
11:45 P. M.—Prince will return to the Hohenzollern, escorted by Squadron A.

the same moment a salute of twenty-one guns was begun and the guard of honor presented arms.

The brilliance of the occasion was considerably marred, however, by a drizzling rain during the entire ceremony.

Arrival at the Island.

President Roosevelt and his party and the Prince and his suite reached the island by the Pennsylvania ferryboat Philadelphia, under command of Captain Carroll. The guests of the builders reached the island by the Staten Island ferryboat Robert Garrett, which left the Whitehall Street ferry at 8:50 o'clock. Both boats landed at the eastern pier of the island.

At the time these arrivals occurred, Shooters Island was resplendent with the booming of guns in salute, and with the martial music of the Hohenzollern's band, and that of the naval reserve battalion.

There was a tooting of whistles and a rush of the curious against the sentry lines and a great craning of necks over bayonets and blue-coated shoulders, as the Philadelphia came up, but nothing happened for several minutes. The Philadelphia held off until the guests' boat Garrett had made fast and discharged her 1,600 passengers.

Before the selected thousands of Americans, crowded to be free from starchy or any other taint that might mar the occasion, had landed, a navy yard tug brought the naval officers, who, headed by Rear Admiral Barker and Captain West, his chief of staff, led the procession to the launching stand.

At 10:30 all of the guests had taken their places on the stands in the shipyard, and the wedges were being driven into the launching blocks, and everything being made ready.

Rehearsed Her Part.

Directly under the cut water of the Meteor was a bunting docket stand on which stood Miss Roosevelt, Prince Henry and President Roosevelt. In the centre

of this little platform was a box about three feet high. Into this box there had been led the steel wire ropes holding the weights leading to the beams on either side of the keel, and about five feet aft of the bow, which was arranged so that when released they would cast loose the cradle in which the yacht rested and in which she was to slide into the water.

These were caught by a line which Miss Roosevelt cut with a silver hatchet. The cutting of this king rope released the weights and the yacht immediately started down the ways.

The bottle of champagne which was used was encased in fine silver basket-work. Left Miss Alice Roosevelt, through nervousness, should be embarrassed in performing her important part in the ceremony, she was given private instructions this morning by W. E. Ferris, Townsend & Dewey's superintendent of construction, who carefully rehearsed her in the art of breaking a ribbed champagne bottle on the prow of a gliding yacht, with neatness and despatch.

Sudden Burst of Flags.

No color was shown about the yacht until she struck the water, when, by a device arranged for the purpose, countless flags and bits of bunting were broken out all over the vessel from stem to stern.

This novel effect was contrived by means of a system of ropes and weights, which threw into their proper places temporary masts, which had lain prostrate on the deck. From the truck of these temporary spars were strung the halliards, from which flew the countless flags of the international code, the German standard on the main pole and the Stars and Stripes at the bow and stern.

When both the launch and the lunch which followed it were over the Presidential party proceeded to the Hohenzollern on the War Department's tug Giglianti, for the brilliant ceremony at Shooters Island was but the initial act

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MISS ALICE ROOSEVELT.
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GERMANY MAKES NEW DEMAND UPON CHINA

Enters Claim for 10,000,000 Taels for Damages Alleged to Have Been Overlooked Heretofore.

Germany has made a demand upon China for an additional indemnity of 10,000,000 taels for damages which it is claimed were overlooked when the Powers were getting up their joint demands last summer.

The United States Government had suggested to the Powers in a circular note

that the demands of all be scaled down so as to allow this latest claim of Germany to come within the 450,000,000 taels originally agreed upon, but the replies have not been favorable.

Germany still insists on the collection of the amount in question and a reopening of the whole matter is expected.

FIVE MEN KILLED IN NEW YORK COLLISION

Two Trains Crash Together
Near Aurelius.

Struck One Another Head-On—One Was a Passenger and the Other a Wrecking Train.

AUBURN, N. Y., Feb. 25.—While rounding a curve on the Auburn branch of the New York Central Railroad two and one-half miles west of Aurelius late last night a passenger train and a wrecking train came together head-on, while going at full speed.

The engines were demolished. Five men were killed and two fatally injured.

The dead are:
EDWARD VINE, Rochester, baggage-man.

JOHN HAZEMAN, Rochester, engineer of the passenger train.

FRANK HINES, Rochester, fireman of the passenger train.

DURAND, engineer, Syracuse.

EVANS, member of the wrecking crew.

NO RELIEF FOR CUBA APPEARS IN SIGHT

Conference Will Hardly Take
Definite Action.

Opposition to Tariff Revision Still
Seems Far Away—Programme
for the Meeting.

There promises to be a very full attendance of Republicans at the conference tonight to be held in the hall of the House for the purpose of discussing proposed reciprocal trade relations with Cuba. Chairman Payne of the Ways and Means Committee will be the principal speaker. He will explain in detail to the members the work accomplished by the several conferences of the Republican members of the Ways and Means Committee, and what led to the tentative agreement on the Long proposition to give Cuba a 20 per cent reduction in the Dingley rates provided Cuba gives like concessions to the United States, and adopts the immigration laws of the United States.

Cuba May Expect No Relief.

The fact that the meeting tonight is to be a conference instead of a caucus is regarded a virtual admission that Cuba need expect no reciprocal legislation at this session of Congress, especially as the protectionists have declared that there shall be no tariff revision at this time.

The opinion prevails this afternoon that nothing definite will be accomplished at the conference tonight.

PRISONER MAKES DASH FOR LIBERTY

Man With Much Money Leaps
from Patrol Wagon.

Faircloth's Effort to Get Away
Proves Futile, as Policemen
Quickly Regain Him.

Frederick R. Faircloth, who was arrested last night while having in his possession \$619, made a sensational attempt this morning to escape from the custody of the police in front of the Police Court. He was being conveyed from the New Jersey Avenue Police Station to Headquarters.

Leaped from Patrol Wagon.

A stop was made at the Police Court to leave a prisoner and he sprang from the patrol wagon and endeavored to get away. Faircloth was quickly caught by Precinct Detective O'Don, who was in the wagon with him. A struggle ensued in which several officers soon joined and the prisoner was soon replaced in the wagon.

Awaiting Word from Saratoga.

At Police Headquarters Faircloth was measured and photographed previous to being returned to the stationhouse to await orders from Saratoga, where it is supposed he is wanted. Telegraphic communication with that point has not yet been reopened and Faircloth will be held until the Saratoga police have been communicated with. He told Captain Boardman that he came from Buffalo, but that he had been stopping at a resort on Jefferson Row, Saratoga, and is said to have admitted that he had taken \$500 belonging to a woman before leaving.

It is believed that Faircloth, who is forty years old, is either on the verge of delirium tremens or is mentally unbalanced.

BANQUET BROUGHT TO AN UNTIMELY CLOSE

Speaker Breaks Up Georgia
Society's Feast.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—James B. Gray, of the Georgia Society, brought the banquet of the organization to a sudden close last night, by a violent attack on the reception to Prince Henry.

Mayor Low and other officials had declined invitations to the banquet, pleading that the reception to Prince Henry occupied all their time.

"I don't approve of this reception, and the great ovation of the American people to a German paper admiral which has taken place among the permanent clerks, the temporary ones having been taken off in the large discharges last month."

THEIR NAMES AGAIN PLACED ON THE ROLL

Quick Turns in the Senate.

Today has seen many sudden changes and turns in the Senate. The sudden adjournment forced by the Republicans on a pretext was bewildering. Then came the decision to restore the names of the South Carolina Senators to the rolls. Tomorrow will be decided the course to be followed by the Republicans and the punishment to be meted out to Messrs. Tillman and McLaurin. The matter of the charges made against Mr. McLaurin by Mr. Tillman will also receive attention.

Tillman and McLaurin Restored by Mr. Frye.

FOLLOWED QUICK ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Turner Had Planned to
Bring the Matter Up.

TO DECIDE TOMORROW

Dean of Representative Crump a
Year Ago Offered as the Reason
for the Adjournment of the Senate.
Informal Conferences.

Immediately after the adjournment of the Senate today, Mr. Frye, the President Officer, ordered Legislative Clerk Gilroy to restore the names of Messrs. Tillman and McLaurin, the two South Carolina Senators, to the Senate roll.

The early adjournment was for the purpose of allowing the members of the Committee on Privileges and Elections to meet and decide upon a plan of action in the case of these two Senators.

It was a flank movement on the part of the Republicans to shut off the Democratic flood of constitutional oratory which was threatened, and it was undoubtedly a surprise to the Democrats.

The Republicans have not yet decided upon the course they will pursue toward the Senators. They have created a precedent for the United States Senate and don't know what to do with it.

They fully endorsed the action of Senator Frye in directing the reading clerk to omit the names of Tillman and McLaurin when the roll was called yesterday, but it was made apparent yesterday that any attempt on the part of the Republicans to keep them from voting for an indefinite length of time would mean a cessation of business in the Senate.

The Democrats are prepared to discuss the Constitution, points of procedure, and the rules of the Senate for months, and they can bring the work to a complete standstill.

Conference This Afternoon.

The Republican members of the Elections Committee, together with most of the able lawyers (as that side, are in conference this afternoon with the object of deciding upon their course.

Tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock there will be a meeting of the full committee with Democrats and Republicans both present, and it is expected that a resolution on the subject will then be adopted.

As to Mr. Tillman's Charges.

Many of the members are strongly in favor of a searching investigation of the charges made by Mr. Tillman that Mr. McLaurin was bribed to vote for the Paris Treaty by the President for patronage.

If Mr. Tillman succeeds in proving his charge then, those members say Mr. McLaurin should be expelled at once, but on the other hand if the allegation cannot be proved by Mr. Tillman then he should be expelled and Mr. McLaurin vindicated.

Sudden Adjournment.

Affairs in the Senate took a sudden and somewhat sensational turn today, when an adjournment was taken at 12:15 o'clock out of respect to the memory of the late Representative Rousseau O. Crump of Michigan.

This was the reason, according to Senatorial procedure, but experienced observers of the conduct of business saw at once another and larger interpretation. It was that of delaying and, for the time being, preventing by the majority any further discussion of the constitutional questions involved in the denial to the two South Carolina members the right to vote yesterday.

Mr. Turner's Plans.

Mr. Turner of Washington had prepared to introduce a resolution declaring that the names of Senators Tillman and McLaurin shall be restored to the roll of the Senate, and that they hereafter be allowed to vote, pending the decision of the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

The adjournment immediately after the reading of the journal out of respect to the late Representative Crump prevented the introduction of the resolution, and it is now Mr. Turner's intention to place it before the Senate tomorrow morning.

This question, as one of high privilege, he believes will be entitled to immediate consideration, and he is of the opinion that the discussion will be taken up at once.

Plan of Republicans.

If the present programme of the Republicans is adhered to Mr. Turner's motion will be anticipated by a resolution from the Republican side providing for the suspension of Senators Tillman and McLaurin.

A majority only will be necessary to pass this and its adoption will carry with it the authority of the President of the Senate to strike the names of the offending Senators from the roll.

They admit that they should have included this authority in their original resolution declaring the Senators to be in contempt.

Looked Out and Dried.

The Senate was convened as usual promptly at noon the chaplain delivered the prayer, a very short one. The reading of the journal was begun, when Mr. Stewart of Nevada moved that its further reading be dispensed with.

Mr. Turner of Washington who has been the spokesman for Mr. Tillman since the latter was adjudged in contempt, promptly objected. As the reading of the journal can be dispensed with only by unanimous consent, the President Officer directed the clerk to continue its reading.

Representative Crump's death occurred almost a year ago and his successor, H. H. Apple, was elected as long ago as October 15 last to represent the Fourth Michigan District. The announcement of his death was made in a House resolution presented by the chair.

PROVISIONS OF THE BILL FOR NEW TERMINALS AND THE UNION STATION

Arrangements of tracks and
construction of tunnels outlined
in the measure.

The Senate Committee on District of Columbia today submitted to the Commissioners Senate bill No. 2481, generally known as the railway terminal and union station bill. This is the revised measure introduced by Senator McMillan on February 22.

In a preamble the bill recites the legislation enacted by the Fifty-sixth Congress relative to the elimination of grade crossings of the Baltimore and Ohio and the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Companies, and refers to the resolution adopted by the Senate relative to the improvement of the Government parks and the vacating of the Mall by the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad.

It is then provided that the terminal company authorized by the acts referred to shall be empowered to construct and operate railroad tracks and terminals and to erect a union station after the following plan:

How Tracks Are to Be Laid.

A double track railway is to be built beginning at or near the intersection of the present Baltimore and Potomac Railroad and Second Street southwest at the elevation of said railroad. Thence curving toward the north crossing over Virginia Avenue with a clearance of fifteen feet above the present grade, crossing over First Street and Delaware Avenue, the double track will extend to a point forty feet north of the north line of E Street with a clearance of sixteen feet. Curving northward the route is across Canal Street and South Capitol Street with a clearance of fifteen feet.

At the intersection of D Street and New Jersey Avenue southwest the tunnel begins passing under C and B Streets and continuing along the line of First Street to a point near E Street northeast, thence curving to the east and passing under the proposed circle at Massachusetts Avenue northeast into the proposed union station.

ENTER PLEA OF NOT GUILTY.

Demurrer in Cases of B. D. Greene
and the Gaynors Overruled.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Feb. 25.—Judge Emory Spear in the United States district court this morning overruled the demurrer in the case of B. D. Greene and the Gaynors on all except the last two counts on the indictment. The demurrer was sustained on the counts alleging that the defendants entered into a contract with former Captain O. M. Carter in a scheme to defraud the Government.

It was announced by the United States district attorney that a new grand jury had been drawn, and that the defendants

tion to be erected on the north side of Massachusetts Avenue.

In passing out of the station the route of the tracks is on the terminal station structure northeastwardly to Delaware Avenue, thence along the viaduct provided for in previous legislation on Delaware Avenue to the north line of M Street northeast. Thence the tracks proceed northward still on Delaware Avenue crossing Florida Avenue overhead by a three-span girder bridge or by masonry arches on the north side of said avenue.

New York Avenue Crossing.

The route continues still northwardly, curving to the eastward, crossing over New York Avenue by a four-span girder bridge and thence in a general northeast direction to a point to the west of the present Metropolitan branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad to the north line of Montana Avenue. Thence the route of the Baltimore and Potomac is by special right of way to Magruder Station in the State of Maryland, through a corner of the grounds of the District Reform School.

Area for the Station.

According to the bill the station is to occupy an area as follows: Beginning on the north side of Massachusetts Avenue 300 feet northwest from the west side of Delaware Avenue measured at right angles thereto; thence along a line parallel with Delaware Avenue and 300 feet therefrom to a point in the south line of I Street northeast; thence by a straight line northwardly to a point in the intersection of the west side of Delaware Avenue with the south line of L Street; thence eastwardly along the south line of L Street to a point in the intersection with the west line of Second Street northeast; thence south along the west line of Second Street to a point 80 feet north of the north line of H Street; thence by a line parallel with and 300 feet from the east line of Delaware Avenue to a point 250 feet south from the south line of P Street, and thence by a line at right angles with the preceding to the place of beginning.

Cost of the Depot.

It is provided that the station is to cost not less than \$3,000,000, and the plans accompanying the bill show that it is to be erected on an elevation between 30 and

would probably be indicted again. He made the announcement in open court, so that the defence might have the opportunity of challenging any of the jurors drawn.

When arraigned the defendants each entered a plea of not guilty. District Attorney Erwin said he should have at least three weeks in which to prepare the case for trial on its merits, but Judge Spear assigned the case for March 19.

Small Building Burned.

A small frame building at Burville, D. C., belonging to Mr. William Badden, of 1432 M Street northwest, was burned to the ground this morning at an early hour. The house was unoccupied at the time and how the fire started is not known.

Plans for the depot also described in measure forwarded to District Commissioners.

40 feet above the present grade of Massachusetts Avenue.

It is provided that the viaduct passing out from the station is to occupy so much of the bed of Delaware Avenue as lies west of a line parallel with the east building line of said avenue and forty feet westwardly therefrom.

It is further provided that the viaduct shall be so constructed as to permit H, K, L, and M Streets and Florida Avenue to pass under through tunnels of sufficient clearance to permit of the use of said streets. All other streets in this territory are to be closed.

Beyond Florida Avenue the bill provides that the company, shall be empowered to locate tracks, switches, sheds, warehouses, and other facilities necessary for a freight delivery yard in and over Quincy Street and Third Street, between New York Avenue and R Street, and in and upon the property bounded by New York Avenue, Florida Avenue, Eckington Place, and R Street northeast, also in, over, and upon the bed of Second Street, between M and N Streets, and in and upon square 711, bounded by First, Second, M, and N Streets northeast.

T Street to Be Closed.

T Street is to be closed between the west line of Seventh and the west line of Fifth Streets. Thomas Street is closed west of Seventh Street. Stanton Street is closed between the Metropolitan Branch and Ninth Street. Brentwood Road is closed between Seventh and S Streets. Third Street is closed between Florida Avenue and R Street, and Quincy Street is closed and abandoned. Ninth, Twelfth, and Fifteenth Streets, and New York Avenue are open across the tracks and yards.

The bill provided that the work proposed shall be completed within five years after the passage of the act, and that within the same period the Sixth Street station and the tracks on the Mall shall be removed.

The District is to pay the company \$1,500,000 for the abandoned property.

FOR SUPPLYING UNION SOLDIERS

Senate Bill to Reimburse Nicholas White Estate.

A bill has been introduced in the Senate by Mr. Platt of New York to appropriate \$8,166.66 to reimburse the estate of Nicholas White, of this city, for stores and supplies taken for the use of the Union army during the civil war.

Earthquakes Frighten Scotland.

GLASGOW, Feb. 25.—Repeated earthquakes at Dochgarroch near Inverness have caused the greatest alarm among the inhabitants of the entire section. Inverness is on the North Sea coast.